

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2009-268-C - ORDER NO. 2009-601

SEPTEMBER 4, 2009

IN RE:	Application of Value-Added)	ORDER APPROVING
	Communications, Incorporated for)	ALTERNATIVE
	Alternative Regulatory Treatment)	REGULATORY
)	TREATMENT

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Application of Value-Added Communications, Inc. (“VAC” or “the Company”) for alternative regulation pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-585 (Supp. 2008). VAC requests that its inmate telecommunications services offerings be regulated in accordance with procedures established for alternative regulation in Order Nos. 1995-1734 and 1996-55 in Docket No. 1995-661-C and as modified in Order No. 2001-997 in Docket No. 2000-407-C. VAC requests alternative regulatory treatment in order to allow for speedier processing of tariff revisions and new service offerings. The Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) has no objection to the approval of this request.

Pursuant to instructions of the Commission’s Docketing Department, the Company published a Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were received. Therefore, we will proceed to dispose of this matter summarily.

It is VAC's intent by this request to have its operator services regulated in the same manner as this Commission has permitted for AT&T Communications of the Southern States. Specifically, the Company requests:

- 1) Removal of maximum rate tariff requirements for its operator services offerings;
- 2) That tariff filings are presumed valid upon filing. If the Commission institutes an investigation of a particular filing within seven days, the tariff filing will be suspended until further order of the Commission; and
- 3) Any relaxation in the reporting requirements that may be adopted for AT&T shall apply to VAC also.

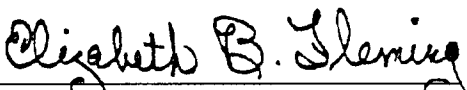
VAC states that it is fully aware of the Commission's rate caps associated with operator assisted services, and recognizes and accepts its responsibility to abide by the caps. VAC acknowledges that approval of its request for Alternative Regulatory treatment in no way changes this responsibility. The Company's rates and charges have been and will continue to be in full compliance with the Commission's rules governing rates for operator service providers. Further, VAC notes that its approval of VAC's request for Alternative Regulatory treatment will allow the Company to tariff its services at the current rates only (at or below the caps) and to allow for speedier processing of tariff revisions and new service offerings.

We have examined this matter and approve the Company's request as filed. VAC may regulate its inmate telecommunications service offerings in accordance with the

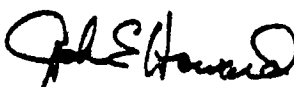
principles and procedures established by Orders No. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C, as modified by Order No. 2001-997 in Docket No. 2000-407-C.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Elizabeth B. Fleming, Chairman

ATTEST:


John E. Howard, Vice Chairman

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